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CLINIC PAYS \$445,853 TO SETTLE FRAUD CHARGES

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced today that a St. Joseph and Savannah, Mo., health care provider has agreed to pay \$445,853 to settle a federal civil lawsuit related to Medicare claims.

MedClinic is a health care provider with offices in the St. Joseph and Savannah, Mo., area. According to Graves, MedClinic submitted false or fraudulent requests for Medicare payments from 1996 through 1999 which form the basis of the federal government's civil and administrative claims.

MedClinic also agreed to enter into a Corporate Integrity Agreement with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, as well as a criminal non-prosecution agreement.

The settlement with MedClinic was negotiated by Assistant U.S. Attorney Andrew J. Lay. The investigation was conducted by the Office of Investigation for the Inspector General of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.
